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LETTER DATED 9 DECEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period from 25 November to 4 December 1991 for the purpose of surveillance and provocation, as follows:

25-26 November 1991

Twenty-nine sorties, flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 720-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

At 0810, 0900, 1110 and 1655 hours, four formations, each consisting of two F-16s, overflew Faruq airfield at speeds of 500-600 km/h and at altitudes of 50-150 m.

26-27 November 1991

Twenty-two sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at 600-950 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-18,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

At 1305 and 1415 hours, two formations, each consisting of two F-16s, overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 700 km/h and at altitudes of 50-500 m.

At 1555 hours, two Jaguars overflew Firnas airport at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 200 m.

27-28 November 1991

Two sorties, at a speed of 780 km/h, centred on Amadiyah and on the Iraq-Turkey border strip.

1-2 December 1991

Twelve sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-950 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Zakho.

3-4 December 1991

Nine two-aircraft formations flying at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m and centring on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah.

At 1250 hours, two Tornadoes overflew Faruq airport at a speed of 700 km/h and at an altitude of 10 m.

4-5 December 1991

Eighteen sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah and Rawanduz.

At 1120 hours, three Tornadoes overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 50 m.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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